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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A NEWS REPORT BROADCAST OVER RADIO BOTSWANA ON OCT. 21.

2. QUOTE : A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE ZIMBABWE AFRICAN PEOPLES UNION, MRS. JANE NGWENGA IS IN GABORONE AT THE INVITATION OF THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING OF A ZAPU MEMBER FROM FRANCISTOWN ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH.

3. MRS. NGWENGA ARRIVED IN GABORONE YESTERDAY AND WILL MEET WITH BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE
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KIDNAPPING OF ETHAN DUBE, WHO WAS TAKEN FROM A HOUSE IN FRANCISTOWN

AND ACROSS THE BORDER IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

4. THIS MORNING, MRS. NGWENGA, WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY RADIO BOTSWANA CONCERNING THE KIDNAPPING, SAID ZAPU BELIEVED THAT THE RHODESIANS INTEND TO KILL MR. DUBE. SHE SAID THE RHODESIANS WILL SAY THAT ETHAN DUBE IS A TERRORIST IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY KILLING HIM.

5. MRS. NWENGA TOLD RADIO BOTSWANA THAT ZAPU WILL INTENSIFY ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN RHODESIA.

6. SHE SAID ZAPU IS A FIGHTING FORCE.

7. IN A STATEMENT ISSUED ON TUESDAY, THE ZIMBABWE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S UNION SAID THAT ZAPU HAS ALREADY FOUGHT AND WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT THE SMITH FACISTS IN THE COUNTRY AND HAS NEVER CONTEMPLATED EXTENDING THE ARMED CONFLICT OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF RHODESIA IN A EFFORT TO RESTRICT THE AREA OF CONFLICT TO WHERE IT BELONGS.

8. THE STATEMENT SAID THAT THE WORLD SHOULD NOTE THE THAT THE KIDNAPPING BY THE RHODESIANS IS AIMED AT INTERNATIONALIZING THE CONFLICT WITH ALL THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH SUCH AN INTERNATIONALIZATION ENTAILS. MRS. NGWENGA TOLD RADIO BOTSWANA THAT ZAPU IS THANKFUL TO THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT FOR ITS REACTION CONCERNING THE KIDNAPPINGS. SHE SAID THAT BY DAMANDING THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ETHAN DUBE, THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT HAS PUT PRESSURE ON THE RHODESIANS, AND ZAPU HOPES THIS WILL CAUSE THE REGIME TO RELEASE MR. DUBE. UNQUOTE.

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